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Att. Dkt. No. WEAT/0493**REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 11, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Vamham et al* (U.S. Patent Number 6,195,162 B1) in view of *Tselikov* (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,015). Applicants have canceled claims 2, 9 and 15-16 without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6, which depended from claim 1 and was indicated to be allowable. Further, claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 13, which depended from claim 8 and was indicated to be allowable. Applicants submit that claims 1 and 13 and all claims dependent thereon are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the obviousness rejection and allowance of the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-20 are allowed. Applicants acknowledge allowance of these claims.

Claims 4-7 and 11-14 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have canceled claims 4-6 and 11-13 without prejudice. Additionally, Applicants submit that claims 7 and 14 are allowable based on their dependency to allowable claims 1 and 8, respectively, as discussed regarding the § 103 rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection and allowance of the claims.

Conclusion

The references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the

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Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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